



APRIL 27, 2025
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

**CLUSTERED CATHOLIC PARISHES OF
THE ALLEGHANY HIGHLANDS**

SACRED HEART CHURCH

255 W. Main St (office - 214 W. Locust St.) Covington, VA 24426
540-962-6541 sacredheartcovington.org
Mass Schedule: Sunday 11:00 AM

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

620 Jefferson Ave. Clifton Forge, VA 24422
540-863-5371 stjosephcf.org email: stjoseph@ntelos.net
Mass Schedule: Sunday 9:00 AM

SHRINE OF THE SACRED HEART

1499 Shady Ln. (P.O. Box 38) Hot Springs, VA 24445
540-839-2603 shrineofthesacredheartparish.org
Mass Schedule: Saturday 5:00 PM; Sunday 9:00 AM

Fr. Ernest Dugah, Administrator
540-620-9309

Fr. Tom Collins, Retired Priest In-Residence
540-588-8492

Fr. Dan Kelly, Retired Priest In-Residence
434-270-6037

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Confessions are available before each Mass at all churches.

Sacrament of Matrimony:

In order for a Catholic to enter a sacramentally valid marriage, he/she must respect and follow the Church's discipline regarding this sacrament. Call the parish office for specific information. Normally, about six months should be allowed to prepare for this sacred covenant. Parish registration is necessary.

Sacrament of Confirmation:

Students are required to be registered in the parish & be participating in the parish Rel. Ed. Program. Confirmation classes are separate and obligatory.

Sacrament of Baptism:

Parents are required to attend one Baptism preparation class (seminar). Baptism is celebrated within the weekend Mass. Call the parish offices for a seminar date.

MT CARMEL CATHOLIC CEMETERY

Low Moor, Virginia

Contact: Mr. Carl Withrow (540) 968-3267

Sacred Heart – St. Joseph Knights of Columbus Council 17457

Next Meeting: Thursday, May 15 @ Sacred Heart Parish Hall

Rosary: 6:25 PM, Meal: 6:45, Meeting: 7:10 PM

CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

St. Joseph Parish 540-863-5371

Office Hours: Call for appointment

In Emergency	Fr. Dugah	540-620-9309
Council Chair	Paul Cormier	540-968-6410
Vice Chair	Libby Burger	540-691-6618
Secretary	Mary Asma	540-965-5551
Worship	Paul Cormier	540-968-6410
Community Life	Kathy Smestad	540-862-5333
Justice & Peace	Mary Asma	540-965-5551
Grds & Maint.	Jimmy Withrow	540-494-3987

Sacred Heart Parish 540-962-6541

Office Hours: Call for appointment

In Emergency	Fr. Dugah	540-620-9309
Council Chair	Laurie O'Doherty	703-282-9203
Vice Chair	Leo Mulcahy	540-862-3021
Secretary	DeDe Rogowski	540-962-7344
Worship	Tom O'Doherty	202-373-9571
Community Life	Alvina Nida	540-747-2211
Justice & Peace	John Stec	540-862-1917
Grds & Maint.	Leo Mulcahy	540-862-3021
Religious Educ.	Dianne Garcia	540-691-4896
K of C Contact	Don Rogowski	540-962-7344

Shrine of the Sacred Heart Parish 540-839-2603

Office Hours: Call for appointment

In Emergency	Fr. Dugah	540-620-9309
Council Chair	Herb Godschalk	540-255-3690
Vice Chair	Beth Eley	646-842-1555
Secretary	Sue Godschalk	540-255-2499
Worship	Eileen Judah	540-968-6409
Community Life	Deborah Lambert	540- 468-3438
Justice & Peace	Tom Misiak	540-997-1478
Grds & Maint.	Louis Pokrywka	540-925-2413
Organist	Dr. Leszek Fiutowski	304-456-5473



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR
MILITARY MEN & WOMEN:

Sacred Heart – Arthur Headley, Jessie (Jesus)

Morals, Joel Moscoso

St. Joseph –Joshua Crawford, Andy Shepard

PRAYER LIST

St. Joseph

Maria Amerio, Mark Asma, Clair Dilley, Katie Greenwood, Tom Greenwood, Ed and Sandra Haverlack, Jake Lekan, Rita Luther, Roy Putnam, Sally Putnam, Carol Turner, Terry Windsor, Elaina Wright, Katie Greenwood White

Sacred Heart

Pam Austin, Josephine Brown, Mack Brown, Wanda Callahan, Janice Campbell, Esther Ewing, Rev. David Hanks, Tony Forbes, Roberta Frampton, April Headley, Arthur Headley, Rosina Headley, Raphael Lopez, Brooke Nogueira, David Palance, Paul Perron, Michael Rybka, Cathy Savage, Maureen Stec, Rayvi Veras, Patricia Whitlow, Bill Withrow, Becky Woodson, Francine Young

Shrine of the Sacred Heart

Margo Oxendine, Molly Sasser

Diocese of Richmond Seminarian

Mr. Aventon Grimes

WEEKLY DONATIONS BUDGETED NEEDS: \$1400.00

St. Joseph

Sunday Offertory	\$1,528.00
Operation Rice Bowl	100.00

Sacred Heart

Sunday Offertory	\$2,511.00
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Shrine of the Sacred Heart

Sunday Offertory	\$ 2,186.88
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CALENDAR

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

St. Joseph – Tuesday and Thursday at 12Noon
Sacred Heart – Wednesday at 11:30AM followed by the Rosary;
Friday is First Friday, May 2nd: Mass is at 12Noon followed by 8 hours of Adoration; Benediction is at 8PM. There is a sign-up sheet for Adoration as you enter the church.
First Saturday is May 3rd: Rosary and Litany of Our Lady are prayed at 9AM followed by Mass at 9:30AM

On this Sunday's solemnity of Divine Mercy, the Church calls us to rejoice that the Sacrament of Confession, and the peace flowing from it, are the "first fruits" of Jesus' Resurrection. In the Old Testament, the People of God—Israel—gave to Him the first fruits of their harvests, as precious and life-giving as they were. But in the New Testament, God turns this around. It's God who gives to His People—the Church—the first fruits of the Resurrection from the dead of His most precious Son.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNOUNCEMENTS

The first Saturday Mass at Sacred Heart on May 3rd will be a Knights of Columbus quarterly Mass. All Mass attendees are invited to a free breakfast of biscuits, scrambled eggs, sausage, coffee, milk, and orange juice in the Parish Hall following Mass.

The Knights of Columbus will have tickets for a drawing for a single prize of gift certificates to 5 local restaurants available after Masses at St. Joseph and Sacred Heart on Sunday, May 4th and Sunday, May 11th. The total value of the 5 gift certificates is \$275. Single tickets are available for a \$5 donation and three tickets are available for a \$10 donation.

NOTICES

Blake Alderman will be received into the Catholic Church this morning at Sacred Heart. There will be a potluck reception, to celebrate Blake as well as to celebrate the confirmation of Abby Martinez. Abby was confirmed on April 8th at the Basilica of St. Andrew in Roanoke. Please join in good food and fellowship as we celebrate these milestones in the faith journey of Blake and Abby. You are welcome to come even if you can't bring a dish.

Sign in to FORMED for the daily Mass readings and insightful reflections This is a great way to start your day!

Faith Formation, Salvation, will conclude at Sacred Heart on Tuesday, April 29th at 6:30pm in the parish hall.

St. Joseph's Bible Study continues to meet every Tuesday after noon Mass. The lessons are from The Word Among Us daily reading. Everyone is welcome. Those attending should bring a bag lunch. Coffee, tea and water are provided.

A bow is made before receiving Communion, and this also applies when receiving both the Body and Blood of Christ, according to the General Instruction of the Roman Missal.

REGARDLESS OF RECEPTION:

****Whether or not one is receiving from the cup, the bow is a sign of reverence for the Blood of Christ being offered. ****

Remember, if you have no Will or Trust, state laws will determine who will inherit your property at your death. State laws do not include your church or any other charity as a beneficiary.

DAILY READINGS

Sun. April 27	Acts 5: 12-16; Psalms 118: 2-4, 13-15, 22-24; Revelation 1: 9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; John 20: 29; John 20:19-31
Mon. April 28	Acts 4: 23-31; Psalms 2: 1-3, 4-6, 7-9; Colossians 3: 1; John 3: 1-8
Tues. April 29	Acts 4: 32-37; Psalms 93: 1ab, 1cd-2, 5; John 3: 14-15; John 3: 7b-15
Wed. April 30	Acts 5: 17-26; Psalms 34: 2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; John 3: 16; John 3: 16-21
Thurs. May 1	Acts 5: 27-33; Psalms 34: 2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20; John 20: 29; John 3: 31-36
Fri. May 2	Acts 5: 34-42; Psalms 27: 1, 4, 13-14; Matthew 4: 4b; John 6: 1-15
Sat. May 3	1 Corinthians 15: 1-8; Psalms 19: 2-3, 4-5; John 14: 6b, 9c; John 14: 6-14
Sun. May 4	Acts 5: 27-32, 40b-41; Psalms 30: 2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13; Revelation 5: 11-14; John 21: 1-19

VOCATIONS

“As the Father has sent Me, so I send you.”
Are you open to a vocation to the priesthood, diaconate or the consecrated life? Contact Father Matthew Kiehle (804)359-5661 email: vocations @richmond diocese .org.



ARE YOU A DOUBTING THOMAS?

Today, the Second Sunday of Easter, is Divine Mercy Sunday. Our Gospel reading from St. John is often called the story of “Doubting Thomas” but the passage involves so much more than the encounter with the skeptical apostle. It is rich with lessons of Christ’s mercy to all, including an encouraging word from our Lord especially for us, His modern-day disciples.

While Thomas traditionally takes all the bad rap for his doubts, we see that none of the Apostles were at their best when Christ first appeared to them after His resurrection. They were actually in hiding, cowering behind a locked door, paralyzed by fear and doubt. But Jesus appeared right in their midst in spite of the lock on the door. Was it to rebuke them for their lack of faith? Quite the contrary.

He comes on a mission of mercy. He comes to offer them peace and the restoration of their relationship with Him. And even more, He commissions them to become ministers of His mercy, by giving them authority to forgive sins. At that moment Christ gives to all of us the supreme gift of mercy — the sacrament of Reconciliation. What a precious and powerful gift!

This Sunday is a perfect time to reflect on how well we make use of this gift. Do we really appreciate its healing power? Could we become better stewards of this gift by going to Confession more often? We must also reflect on how well we extend mercy to others as Jesus did to Thomas that day.

Let’s commit ourselves to becoming faithful disciples and stewards of Christ’s mercy. We will be those very ones to whom Jesus gave a “shout out” during His encounter with Thomas: “Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed” — in His merciful love.